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LOK SABHA

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ILLEGAL CATTLE TRADE AT INDO-BANGLA BORDER
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the illegal cattle trade on Indo-Bangla border;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to stop such illegal cattle trade on the said border?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(c): Yes Sir. During the year 2001 and 2002, 36,020 and 49,593 cattle, respectively, were seized by the Border Security Force on Indo-Bangladesh border. To check such illegal cattle trade, the following steps are being taken to stop smuggling of cattle and other illegal activities on the border:-

(i) Round-the-clock surveillance of the border by patrolling;

(ii) Erection of fence along the Indo-Bangladesh border;

(iii) Conduct of special operations;

(iv) Up-gradation of intelligence network;

(v) Use of night-vision devices;

(vi) Augmentation of strength for patrolling/naka duties; and

(vii) Forward shifting of BOPs and OP Towers for better observation.